

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: the Patent Application of Alan Haaksma et al.)	Before the Examiner
)	Robert D. Rines
Application No. 09/925,571)	Art Unit 3626

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed October 5, 2006 (following Applicants' filing of a Response to Office Action ("Response") on June 5, 2006), in the above application, please consider the following Remarks. No fees are believed to be due; however, if any fees are due, please charge them to USPTO Deposit Account 50-0410, but not to include issue fees.

The present application was filed on August 9, 2001, with a Preliminary Amendment that is present in the Image File Wrapper for this application. That document amended claims 32 and 36, and added claims 43 and 44. That amended set of claims was the baseline for the marking and labeling in Applicants' Response. The claim status labels given Applicants' latest Response are, therefore, correct. Applicants respectfully request that the Notice be withdrawn.

In view of the facts shown in this paper, the Response is believed to have put the application in condition for allowance, and prompt action by the Office toward that end is respectfully requested. In the event any issue(s) remain that may be resolved by telephone, the undersigned invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned by telephone to expedite the examination of this application. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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